relief to the tenants such as by issuing receipts even if payments are made at the time of auction, etc.?

Mr. H. V. RAMASVAMI.—Necessary relief is being afforded even now. But as regards payments of land revenue, it is only to the inamdar that tenants must pay and it is only from them that they should obtain receipts.

Didaginakere Tank.

Q.—28. **Mr. S. B. JOGANNA GOWDA,** Chennarayapatna Taluk, and all the other members of Hassan District.—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether the breach of the sluice of the Didaginakere Tank in Hiresave Hobli has come to their notice;

(*b*) whether it has come to their notice that the villagers and the village officers have made representations many a time in the matter;

(*c*) the action that has been taken till now in this regard?

A.—**The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (Diwan Bahadur N. N. Ayyangar).**

(*a*) That the sluice was leaky, was brought to notice.

(*b*) Yes, to repair the leaks.

(*c*) The sluice was repaired during 1934-35, and since then the sluice is not leaky.

Mr. K. L. NANJAPPA NADIG.—Is this a major or a minor tank?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—Restored minor tank.

Mr. K. L. NANJAPPA NADIG.—In answer to sub-section (*c*), Government have stated that the sluice was repaired in 1934-35 and that it is not leaky since then. Are not the Government aware then that even after the repair, the sluice is leaky?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—The report is that this sluice is working satisfactorily, but as you represent that it is leaky, the matter will be enquired into.

Removal of Fuel from Hiduvali Lands.

Q.—29. **Mr. K. VENKATARAMIAH,** Arkalgud Taluk, and all the other members of Hassan District.—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Government held out a promise during the last session of the Representative Assembly in October 1937 to provide facilities to raiyats by amending the existing rules relating to the removal of fuel from the *hiduvali* lands for *bona fide* domestic purposes;

(*b*) how have the said rules been amended since;

(*c*) whether early orders would be issued in the matter to minimise the difficulties of raiyats?

A.—**The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (Mr. M. Venkatanaranappa).**—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The question of amending the rules empowering the patel to issue *mafi* licence to remove not more than two cart-loads of fuel or charcoal a month, is under the consideration of Government.

(*c*) Yes.

Mr. K. VENKATARAMIAH.—Government say that they are considering the question of empowering the patel of each village to issue free licence to remove not more than two cart-loads of fuel or charcoal a month. Are they aware that two cart-loads a month are not sufficient at any rate in the case of big families?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—Government consider that two cart-loads would be sufficient for an average family.

Mr. K. VENKATARAMIAH.—On special occasions like marriages or during the rainy seasons, is it not necessary to stock larger quantities?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—Let us try the new rules for some time.

Mr. K. VENKATARAMIAH.—Why should such restrictions be placed in the way of our removing fuel from our own lands and specially when the fuel is required only for domestic requirements?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—It is not considered necessary to liberalise the rules further just at present.

Mr. N. BHOGI MALLIAH.—Are the Government aware that the rule will